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the implementation of the scheme. As the Federation is of a political character, the Government considered it not desirable to comply with the request of the Federation.

"(c) The Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh, the Hindu Dharma Sangh and one Sri V. A. Giri also made some suggestions for the utilization of the grant.

"(d) The scheme as finalised by this Government was forwarded to the Government of India. The Government of India have raised certain doubts. The matter is under correspondence."

9-40 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"After the scheme fructifies, will the implementation of the scheme be entrusted to the Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation, the Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh and the Hindu Dharma Sangh?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"All shades of public opinion will be taken into consideration."

Amount allotted under discretionary grants by Collectors for Tanjore.

* 1032 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted for Tanjore for 1954–55 under Discretionary grants by the District Collectors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The amount proposed to be allotted for 1954–55 to the Tanjore district under this head is—

	RS.
Ordinary	2,000
Special	700
Total ...	2,700"

Higher rates for the supply of electricity by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited, South Arcot.

* 1033 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the rates for the supply of electrical energy by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Ltd., South Arcot, are much higher than those charged for the Government supply in other parts of the same district;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken so far to reconcile this anomalous position in regard to these rates?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No such representation has been received recently.

" (c) The licensee has the power to fix his rates of supply to get the reasonable return permitted under the Electric Supply Act of 1948. So long as the return permitted is not exceeded, he cannot be asked to reduce his tariffs. The Government Electricity Department generally adopts uniform rates in areas directly served by them, the rates varying only between Thermal and Hydro-electric areas. The Government also does not aim at profits as such. Until all electricity undertakings have been taken over by Government the differences in rates would continue."

Opening of new basic training schools in Tanjore district.

* 1034 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to open any new basic training schools under the new scheme for 1954–55 in Tanjore district; and

(b) if so, how many of them are to be for men and how many for women?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The question does not arise."

Training of midwives.

* 1035 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of midwives trained every year;

(b) the estimated number of midwives required; and

(c) how the Government propose to make up the difference between (a) and (b)?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Midwives are trained not only by Government but also by local bodies, Mission Hospitals and other private bodies. The number of midwives passing out every year from Government medical institutions is about 80 to 120.

" (b) About 175 for the Medical and Public Health Departments.

" (c) The number of midwives trained in Government Medical institutions is always in excess of the requirements of the Medical Department. In the Public Health Department, midwives are mainly required for employment in the Maternity and Child Welfare centres run by local bodies. No difficulty has so far been felt in finding the required number of midwives for this purpose."